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Subject: Re: Map Function Question

Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Thu, 19 Apr 2012 13:27:47 GMT

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On 19 avr, 14:35, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

> alx writes:

>> Well, it seems that the IMAGE function implicitly uses ASPECT\_RATIO=1

>> and then adjust the position.

>> You can get the correct position by forcing ASPECT\_RATIO=0 in the

>> call.

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>> im = IMAGE(scaledData, x, y, RGB\_TABLE=rgb, XRANGE=xrange,

>> YRANGE=yrange, GRID\_UNITS='degrees', POSITION=[0.1,0.1,0.9,0.9])

>> print,im.convertCoord(x[0],y[0],/DATA,/TO\_NORMAL)

>> 0.10000000 0.24925925 0.00000000

>> im = IMAGE(scaledData, x, y, RGB\_TABLE=rgb, ASPECT\_RATIO=0,

>> XRANGE=xrange, YRANGE=yrange, GRID\_UNITS='degrees',

>> POSITION=[0.1,0.1,0.9,0.9])

>> print,im.convertCoord(x[0],y[0],/DATA,/TO\_NORMAL)

>> 0.10000000 0.10000000 0.00000000

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>> One more thing being not clearly documented and which cannot be

>> guessed !

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> Well, putting ASPECT\_RATIO=0 in the call certainly

> changes the aspect ratio to \*something\*, although

> God only knows what it is. It is certainly not to

> what I asked for. And, whatever it is, the map

> I'm trying to put on top of the image seems

> to ignore it, too.

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> Tell me again how you are using these routines

> to do science. It does seem a wonder to me!

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> --

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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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What I understand:

When ASPECT\_RATIO is not specified, the IMAGE function scales the

(nx,ny) image array with equal pixel sizes in x and y, in accordance with POSITION keyword (i.e. the overall scale is given by  $(\text{pos}[1]-\text{pos}[0])/nx > (\text{pos}[3]-\text{pos}[2])/ny$ ). Your POSITION values are therefore satisfied in only one direction.

When ASPECT\_RATIO=0, the image function scales the array in both x and y direction, independently. But the image is distorted.

All this makes sense, but is not really explained in EXELIS doc.  
alx.

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